

REMARKS

Entry of the amendment herewith is respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims and Formal Matters

Claims 1, 3, 9-11, 13, 15, 20, 21, and 53-65 are pending in this application. Claim 3 has been amended according to the telephone conversation of May 6, 2005 with the Examiner, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents. No new matter has been added by this amendment. Support for the amendments is found throughout the specification and in the original claims.

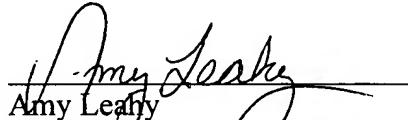
It is submitted that the claims herewith and the claims as originally presented are and were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 101, 102, 103 and 112. The amendment to the claims herein is not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 101, 102, 103 or 112; but, rather, the amendment to the claims is made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendment herewith, the application is in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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